

Appl. No. 09/945,524  
Amdt. dated October 15, 2004  
Reply to Office action mailed July 15, 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

*Claims*

Please note that a power of attorney in correspondence address indication form where filed on September 13, 2004.

The examiner as objected to claims 1 to 4 for various technical reasons and as being anticipated by Offray, Frechette and Riemenschneider.

The claims have been totally rewritten and replaced with new claims 1 to 10. The applicant believes that the informalities noted by the examiner and the cited prior art references are now rendered moot.

The applicant believes that the new claims are allowable and respectfully request that the present application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,  
BROUILLETTE, KOSIE, PRINCE

By 

Robert Brouillette  
Reg. No. 31,930  
1100 René-Lévesque Boulevard West  
25th floor  
Montréal, Québec, Canada, H3B 5C9  
Telephone: (514) 397-6900  
Fax: (514) 397-8515

(07887-013)